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#### SHIP YARD SANITATION

So much has been said about the sanitary work done by the government at the camps and cantonments that what Mr. Greeley says in this number about sanitation at the shipyards is a timely tribute to a group of men which has been doing a fine piece of work without receiving any recognition for it. The enormous shipbuilding program of the Emergency Fleet Corporation called for the construction of new villages and new transportation facilities almost overnight. The need for ships has been most pressing. The managers of these yards thought of ship ways and shops and tracks and storage; they had no time to think of sanitation, except casually. It was to help them keep their mushroom enterprises safe in a sanitary sense, that Colonel Doane was engaged. He and his men have been out on the job most of the time. During the five months I was employment manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation I saw him only once, at a staff dinner. He was too busy to waste any time in an office chair. But he has kept the ship yards in good sanitary condition in spite of serious difficulties, and he has done such a satisfactory piece of work that nobody was surprised when the War Department told him recently to get ready to return to the army.

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#### HOW TO OBTAIN A PRIORITY ORDER AT WASHINGTON

Municipalities and public utility companies all over the country are experiencing such difficulty in obtaining materials for operation, maintenance and new construction, that a brief statement of their obligations to the nation, as viewed by the administration at Washington, is desirable at the present time. Cities and utility companies must remember that when President Wilson told us to "give until it hurt" in order to bring the war to the earliest possible com-